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TOWN OF HERNDON, VDOT COOPERATE TO MINIMIZE STORM DRAINAGE IMPACT ON RUNNYMEDE PARK

Herndon, VA (December 8, 2009) – In a cooperative effort between the Town of Herndon and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), VDOT has deeded to the Town of Herndon a parcel of land near Runnymede Park that will be used for storm water retention, thereby minimizing the impact of runoff of storm drainage on the park.

The land, a 1 ½ acre parcel across the street from Runnymede Park near Reneau Way, had been owned by VDOT as part of the Herndon Parkway construction project. A pipe running beneath the parkway has been draining storm water into Runnymede Park, and the town's Department of Public Works (DPW) began looking for options that minimize the impact of the drainage on the 58-acre nature park. Following review and negotiations, the town and VDOT came to an agreement whereby the town is deeded the land at no cost and under two primary conditions: 1) it must be used solely for storm water retention; and 2) the project to retain storm water on the parcel must be completed within three years, by the end of CY 2012.

"This cooperation between VDOT and the town helps us to provide much-needed storm drainage improvements, as itemized in the town's Capital Improvement Program, by minimizing the impact of storm water runoff on Runnymede Park," said Director of Public Works Robert B. Boxer. "We greatly appreciate VDOT's willingness to work with the town on this important project." According to Boxer, work on the project's survey and design is already under way, and the town anticipates completing the project by the 2012 deadline.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs," and *Money* Magazine has ranked Herndon among its "Best Places for the Rich and Single."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.